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2008 Governor's Conference
on the Environment

Conference Registration Begins July 21

The 32nd Annual Governor's Conference on the Environment will be held Oct. 6-7, 2008, at the Lexington Convention Center. This year's theme is "Go for the Green" in which businesses, industries, community leaders and all citizens of the commonwealth can discuss ways to protect Kentucky's land, air and water. Preconference workshops focusing on a variety of topics will be held in the afternoon of Oct. 6, and the conference will kick off with the Secretary's Reception and Awards Dinner that evening. The Department for Environmental Protection's (DEP) goals for this year's conference are for industries, communities, public servants and individuals to gather and share information that will benefit Kentucky's environmental future. The three areas of focus will be ensuring a green environment, implementing green practices and building green communities. Registration and conference information can be found at [DEP's Web page](#). Questions may be directed to [Natalie Jensen](#) at 800-926-8111.

Looking for Information on DOW Reorganization?

Information is now available on the Division of Water's (DOW) reorganization, which occurred on June 16, 2008. The [reorganization chart](#) and other information can be

DCA Programs



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities underrepresented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving "beyond" compliance to environmental leadership.



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you. [KY EXCEL](#) is a voluntary environmental leadership program where you can meet and interact with Kentucky's environmental leaders.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat

found at the [DOW's Organization Web page](#).

Recent Additions to the OAR Policy and Guidance Web page

- Proposal to Establish Control Techniques Guidelines in Lieu of Regulations for Miscellaneous Metal Products Coatings, Plastic Parts Coatings, Auto and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings, Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials, and Miscellaneous Industrial Adhesives
- Amendments to Air Toxics Rule for Organic Liquids Distribution
- National Perchloroethylene Standards for Dry Cleaning Facilities: Direct Final Rule Withdrawal; Final Rule; Revision.

Information on all of the additions can be found at the [Office of Air and Radiations \(OAR\) Policy and Guidance Web page](#).

Modification to RCRA Rules Associated with Solvent-Contaminated Wipes

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to modify the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations for management of solvent-contaminated industrial wipes in response to stakeholder concerns that industrial wipes are overregulated because they pose little threat to human health and the environment. A Notice of Data Availability will be published to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the revised risk analysis. If finalized, this regulation will provide regulatory relief for two types of solvent-contaminated wipes: (1) wipes disposed of in a landfill or by combustion after use, and (2) wipes that are laundered after use to remove the solvent and then are used again. The EPA proposed to conditionally exclude disposed wipes from the definition of hazardous waste and to conditionally exclude laundered wipes from the definition of solid waste. Information can be found on the EPA's [Solvent Contaminated Industrial Wipes Web page](#). The EPA contact for the proposed modification is [Teena Wooton](#). In Kentucky, the [Hazardous Waste Branch](#) of the Division of Waste Management has [recommended handling practices for solvent wipes](#). Please contact your [local regional office](#) or [April Webb](#) with questions regarding proper hazardous waste determination for your solvent wipes.

NPDES General Permits for Discharge Incidental to Normal Operations of a Vessel

and protect Kentucky's water resources.



*The Kentucky Brownfield Program
Recycling the Commonwealth*

The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

This federal action is necessary to address a District Court ruling (currently on appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit) that vacates a regulatory exemption at 40 CFR 122.3(a). Northwest Environmental Advocates vs. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (ND CA, C 03-5760 SI). The regulation excludes [discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel from NPDES permitting](#) and has existed, essentially unchanged, since 1973. Unless overruled on appeal, the court's September 2006 ruling will vacate the entire exclusion as of Sept. 30, 2008. As of Sept. 30, 2008, discharges of pollutants incidental to the normal operation of a vessel that had formerly been exempted from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting by the regulation will be subject to prohibitions in CWA section 301(a) against the discharge of a pollutant without a permit. The EPA contacts for the proposed action are [Ruby Cooper](#) and [Ryan Albert](#).

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